

Licensing Requirements for Gold Cup Races

All owners, trainers, riders and grooms participating in the Virginia Gold Cup races are required to be licensed by the Virginia Racing Commission (VRC). The easiest way to obtain a license is by going to the Commission's website at www.vrc.virginia.gov and clicking on "Virginia Racing License" in the upper left hand side of the home page. You will then see a list of documents including the "Racing Application for Participants", "General Application Instructions", "Fee Schedule", and "Credit Card Verification Form". Simply print out the application and complete it by referring to the fee schedule and general instructions. Once the application is completed, signed, and dated you may either mail it along with the appropriate payment to 5707 Huntsman Road, Suite 201-B, Richmond, VA 23250 or scan the application and e-mail it to VRCLicense@vrc.virginia.gov. If you would like your badge mailed to you before the races, your application and payment must be received by April 23rd, otherwise badges will be distributed at the horsemen's check-in tent located in the stable area. The VRC will also be on site at the Spring House on Thursday May 3rd from 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. and on Friday May 4th from 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. for licensing. (Please note: All licensing needs to be completed by Friday, May 4th.) If you have any questions or require assistance with this process, please contact Rhonda Davis at (804) 461-0740. Owners and trainers, etc. participating in the flat races only do not need to be credentialed by NSA. Grooms must have a VRC license unless they have a current license from another jurisdiction with them, in which case they may obtain a day pass at no charge.

A horsemen's check-in tent will be located in the stable area to handout and sell wristbands (only needed for those without a license). Horsemen will receive 4 complimentary wristbands for each horse entered to race, 1 per trainer and jockey; additional wristbands may be purchased at \$35 each. The 2018 NSA mirror-hung car pass will admit the vehicle to Gate 2. The NSA pin will allow entrance to Members Hill only and does not allow entrance to VRC restricted areas. Anyone with questions can contact the VGCA office at 540-347-2612.